

HOME, FARM AND GARDEN.

—White leaves and variegated white and green leaves indicate degeneracy in a plant. A branch with leaves entirely white is no longer capable of propagation; it is in the last stage of its existence.

—A sink drain becoming choked with grease may be cleaned by plugging up the outlet and filling the drain with strong boiling hot lye of wood ashes. After this has remained in a short time the outlet should be opened and the drain flushed out with hot water.—N. Y. Times.

—It is usual when planting celery to cut off the leaves of the longest stalks, leaving only the heart. It will tend to dwarf celery to set the plants close; that is, six inches apart in the rows. Celery requires a cool, moist place; in rich, warm soil it may run to seed, making a very rank growth.

—Old lace curtains that have little holes in the netting can be made to appear whole when they are laundered. Take a piece of lace, or very thin muslin, and when the curtain is starched starch this piece also and put it over the spot which needs mending. It will show very little, if at all, and the starch will keep it in place.—N. Y. Post.

—Ants may easily be destroyed by dissolving sugar of lead in water and moistening brown sugar with the solution. The sugar is then spread upon pieces of paper or shavings, and these are scattered about where the ants run. C. W. states that the green fly upon house plants can be disposed of by sprinkling weak tobacco water on the plants.—N. Y. Times.

—Before the children's stockings begin to be thin at the knees and to need darning put a piece of cloth under and sew with fine stitches so that they will not show; soft flannel or pieces of old stockings which are strong enough to be worth using are better than any heavier cloth. By taking the trouble to do this stockings may be made to last twice as long as without it.

—To preserve natural flowers so that they will look natural, either single or in bouquets, dissolve by agitation and digestion in a closely-stoppered bottle three-quarters of an ounce of clear pale gum copal, coarsely powdered and mixed with an equal weight of broken glass, in one pint of pure sulphuric ether—ethyl ether. Dip the flowers in this liquid, remove quickly, expose to the air ten minutes, then dip again; and expose as before. Repeat dipping and drying four or five times. Most flowers thus treated will remain unaltered for some time if not handled.

—Delicious fruit candy is made from this recipe: Get one coconut, one and one-half pounds of granulated sugar, wet the sugar with the milk of the coconut, put it in a saucepan, let it heat slowly, then boil rapidly for five minutes, add the coconut grated very fine, boil for ten minutes, stirring constantly. Try it on a cold plate; if it forms a firm paste when cold, take it from the fire. Pour part of it out on a large tin, lined with buttered paper. To the remaining cream add one-quarter of a pound of raisins, stoned and chopped, half a pound of blanched almonds, one pint of pecans, half a cup of chopped walnuts. Beat all well together, then pour it over the other in the tin, and when cold cut it in bars or squares.—N. Y. Post.

Collecting Ivy Roots.

There is an industry in the mountains of Western North Carolina and East Tennessee that is perhaps known to but few, and is probably found in but few sections of this country, viz.: The collection of ivy roots. The roots are shipped to this city and Boston, where they are used for making door knobs and pipe bowls. They are found principally along the line of the Cranberry Branch Railroad and in the vicinity of Rome Mountain, where they grow in great abundance and attain an enormous size. Our informant states that recently a root weighing 800 pounds was dug from the ground and shipped to market. This is supposed to be the largest ivy root ever found, but roots weighing from seventy-five to 150 pounds are frequently found. The collection of these roots has grown into quite an industry, and a large number of poor farmers are thus engaged and make a fair livelihood. There is a constant demand for the roots, and good prices are paid for them by the ton. The wood is said to be very valuable for the purposes for which it is used.—Philadelphia Star.

HOUSEHOLD ACCIDENTS.



The following suggestions are not designed to induce the public to attempt the duties of the regular surgeon, but, merely to place the readers of these pages in possession of a means of treatment of the minor accidents occurring daily in the household, and which, while not dangerous in themselves, are exceedingly annoying. Burns, bruises, scalds, sprains, etc., are principal among these troublesome and annoying occurrences, and demand immediate treatment with the best means at hand. In the kitchen, the dining-hall, the nursery and the sitting-room they are liable to happen, and, instead of fear and alarm at the sight of the cut or mashed finger, or bruised or burned arm, or scalded surface, a cool and quiet manner should be assumed, and after washing away the blood, (if required), the injured parts should be dressed with that most valuable remedy—ST. JACOBS OIL. Its surprisingly quick relief, its cleansing properties, its tendency to quickly remove all inflammation, and its wonderful efficiency in the above as well as in all muscular and other pains, such as rheumatism, neuralgia, toothache, headache, stiffness of the joints, etc.,—these render ST. JACOBS OIL pre-eminently the best external remedy now before the people; which claim is fully substantiated by the strongest kind of testimony from all classes of people. The value of human life is so supremely important that anything that tends to its prolongation is entitled to the highest consideration. Charles Nelson, Esq., proprietor Nelson House, Port Huron, Mich., says: "I suffered so with rheumatism that my arm withered, and physicians could not help me. I was in despair of my life, when some one advised me to try ST. JACOBS OIL. I did so, and as if by magic, I was instantly relieved, and by the continued use of the Oil entirely cured. I thank heaven for having used this wonderful remedy, for it saved my life. It also cured my wife."

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